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**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL
APPOINTS GALE FILTER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
THE ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM**

SACRAMENTO – California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Director Maureen Gorsen today announced the appointment of Gale Filter as deputy director of the enforcement and emergency response program.

“A top priority of mine at the Department of Toxic Substances Control has been to put increased focus on enforcement to better protect public safety and the environment from threats of releases of toxic substances, particularly for increased homeland security,” said Director Gorsen.

“Bringing Gale’s wealth of experience in prosecution and environmental enforcement is a tangible step to reach this goal. His 16 years of legal expertise in environmental enforcement and background as a prosecutor qualify him uniquely to serve as DTSC’s law enforcement and public safety leader.”

Filter most recently served as the California District Attorneys Association’s (CDAA) Deputy Director of Consumer, Environmental and Legal Services. He was CDAA’s Environmental Project Director from 1999 to 2003. Prior to joining CDAA Filter served as an Imperial County Deputy District Attorney assigned to the prosecution of environmental cases and serious felonies.

“The Environmental and Circuit Prosecutor Projects of the California District Attorney’s Association have been recognized by the American Bar Association (ABA), United States Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for their significant contributions to environmental enforcement,” added Gorsen.

Filter, of Sacramento, earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University Of San Diego School Of Law, a Master of Public Administration degree from Governors State University in Illinois and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Humboldt State University.

The deputy director of enforcement and emergency response is a newly created position. The duties and responsibilities of the deputy director include overseeing the four primary elements of the enforcement program: statewide compliance, task force support, criminal investigations, and emergency response. Filter will direct a diverse staff of engineers, scientists, criminal investigators

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and support staff; develop, recommend and implement policy; and serve as the principal enforcement and public safety advisor to senior management on policy and program issues.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control regulates hazardous waste, cleans up existing contamination and looks for ways to reduce the hazardous waste produced in California. Approximately 1,000 scientists, engineers, and specialized support staff make sure that companies and individuals handle, transport, store, treat, dispose of, and clean up hazardous wastes appropriately.

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